



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,008-X)

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In re Application of:

COPELAND, et al.

Serial No.: 10/054,535

Filed: January 22, 2002

For: Automated Biological
Reaction Apparatus

Group Art Unit: 3612

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified patent application:
 - Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
 - Form PTO/SB/08
 - Copies of Supplemental IDS Citations for 10/054,535 (Total 44 US Patents, 4 Foreign Patents and 4 Other Documents)
 - Return Receipt Postcard
2. **GENERAL AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT FEES:** Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-2490**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 herein-above, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class Mail" in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this **14th day of October, 2002**.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 §§ C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-98, the applicant wishes to make the references listed in the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 of record in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the references be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Return of the initialed PTO/SB/08 indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references is requested.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103. This information disclosure statement shall not

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Respectfully submitted,

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